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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

February 19, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
NEW WELL NOS. 4-70 AND 4-71 AND WELLHEAD FACILITIES  
DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF TWO WATER WELLS  
CITY OF LANCASTER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE  
VALLEY:**

1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration together with the comments received during the public review period for the drilling and equipping of two aquifer storage and recovery wells at 260 East Avenue K-8 and the construction of approximately 1,200 linear feet of an 8- to 12-inch diameter water main along Avenue K-8 and Market Place Drive in the City of Lancaster; determine that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment based on the whole record before your Board; find that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of your Board; and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for New Well Nos. 4-70 and 4-71 and Wellhead Facilities, in the City of Lancaster (5), at an estimated cost between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on March 18, 2008.

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4. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project (Attachment A), and advertise for the drilling and equipping of two water wells and other appurtenant work.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended actions will help fulfill these goals by providing the residents and property owners within the waterworks district with a more reliable water supply system.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for the drilling and equipping of two water wells, is part of an ongoing program for the development of water supply sources in the Antelope Valley. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the Public Contract Code.

An environmental impact analysis and associated documentation are required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project and should be considered in the approval of the project. As the project administrator, we are also the lead agency in terms of meeting the requirements of CEQA. An Initial Study of Environmental Factors prepared for the project indicated that it would not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Therefore, in accordance with the Environmental Document

Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, an MND was prepared and circulated for public review.

The project is to be completed in 200 calendar days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2008 and be completed in February 2009.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; and the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The Initial Study of Environmental Factors for this project was prepared in compliance with CEQA. The Initial Study identified four potentially significant effects of the project: cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, noise, and traffic. Prior to release of the proposed MND and Initial Study for public review, revisions to the project were made or agreed to which would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, as follows:

**Cultural Resources:** In the event that any undetected buried cultural resources are encountered during construction, work in that area shall be halted until an evaluation of the resources has been made by a qualified archaeologist or paleontologist and permission to commence work in the area has been granted. If buried human remains are encountered during construction, work in that area shall be halted and the County of Los Angeles Coroner shall be notified. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified and will provide recommendations regarding treatment of the remains.

**Hydrology and Water Quality:** Prior to any ground-disturbing activities, a Notice of Intent will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will be prepared and implemented. Prior to the initiation of well development and pump testing activities, the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, will be notified of the planned discharge, and the discharge shall comply with the requirements of the General Waste Discharge Requirements, for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality, for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

**Noise:** At least 15 days prior to the start of construction, all adjacent businesses and residences within one-half mile of the proposed project site will be notified. Construction equipment shall be equipped with suitable exhaust and intake silencers and shall be maintained in good working order.

**Traffic:** Prior to any construction activities within public right of way, a qualified professional engineer shall prepare a Traffic Control Plan. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Traffic Control Plan, which shall allow vehicle traffic to continue during construction, and may include flagmen and/or signs to direct traffic.

The Initial Study and project revisions show that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the County, that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study and project revisions, an MND was prepared for the project. Public notice was published in the Antelope Valley Press and Daily News on February 10, 2008, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092. Copies of the draft MND were available for public review at the Lancaster Library and Public Works' Waterworks North Maintenance Area office in Lancaster.

Comments on the draft MND were received from the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, the Native American Heritage Commission, and the City of Lancaster. We discussed the comments with the respective agencies and incorporated measures to address the concerns in the MND and the plans and specifications for the project. Pursuant to Public Relations Code Section 21092.5, Public Works notified these agencies of the public hearing for the project.

The project is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the costs of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the California Department of Fish and Game. Upon your Board's adoption of the MND, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing and processing fees with the County Clerk in the amount of \$1,850.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing the residents and property owners within the waterworks district with a more reliable water supply system.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:DLW  
JTS:bc

c: County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

NEW WELL NOS. 4-70 AND 4-71 AND WELLHEAD FACILITIES  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 6061 of the Government Code:

Publish: At least once, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the drilling, development, equipping, testing, and disinfection of two water wells; construction of 8-inch and 12-inch ductile iron water main; and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. WWD4004031, New Well Nos. 4-70 and 4-71 and Wellhead Facilities, in the City of Lancaster.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 and shall be completed in 200 calendar days. The work requires a California Class C57 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Roger Kohlenberger at (626) 458-4964.

Bidders desiring to inspect the sites of the work should contact Mr. Toby Taube at the agency's Lancaster Yard, telephone (661) 940-4668. The agency will make the sites available for inspection on the following days and times only:

**10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008 and,  
10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or at the Department of Public Works Permit Office, 38126 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, California 93550, (661) 947-4151, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The bidder's package of the contract documents may also be mailed for \$19, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included



as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated February 19, 2008.

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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